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IN THE CLAIMS

Please Amend claims 1-3, 15, 17-19, and 24 as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) An audit-credit-interactive system, said system comprising:
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3 a microcontroller;
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5 a vending machine interface interconnected with said microcontroller, said
6 audit-credit-interactive system, by way of said vending machine interface,
7 interconnects to and data communicates with a vending machine
8 controller, said vending machine controller is interconnected to and
9 controls a vending machine; and
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11 an interactive interface interconnected with said microcontroller, said
12 interactive interface interconnects said audit-credit-interactive system to a
13 computing platform, said computing platform, by way of said interactive
14 interface and based in part on data communicated between said audit-
15 credit-interactive system and said vending machine controller, monitors
16 said vending machine activity, and selectively controls said vending
17 machine vending cycles.
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- 1 2. (Amended) The audit-credit-interactive system in accordance with claim 1, wherein
2 said vending machine interface is interconnected to at least one of the following: said
3 vending machine controller multi-drop-bus interface (MDB), or said vending machine
4 controller data exchange interface (DEX).
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1 3. (Amended) The audit-credit-interactive system in accordance with claim 1, wherein
2 said computing platform is at least one of the following: an online module, a card reader,
3 a cashless payment device, an audit device, a coin mechanism, a bill validator, a personal
4 computer, a communication module, or a microprocessor based system.

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1 15. (Amended) The audit-credit-interactive system in accordance with claim 14, wherein
2 said plurality of peripheral devices includes at least one of the following: a coin
3 mechanism, a bill validator, an online module, a communication module, or a card
4 reader.

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1 17. (Amended) An audit-credit-interactive system for interconnection with a vending
2 machine, said vending machine having a vending machine controller, said audit-credit-
3 interactive system being electrically connected to said vending machine controller
4 comprising:

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6 a microcontroller;

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8 a vending machine interface interconnected with said microcontroller for
9 data communicating with said vending machine controller; and

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11 a mimic MDB interface interconnected with said microcontroller for data
12 communicating with a plurality of peripheral devices, said plurality of
13 peripheral devices being interconnected with said mimic MDB interface.

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1 18. (Amended) The audit-credit-interactive system in accordance with claim 17, wherein
2 said vending machine interface is interconnected to at least one of the following: said
3 vending machine controller multi-drop-bus interface (MDB), or said vending machine
4 controller data exchange interface (DEX).

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1 19. (Amended) The audit-credit-interactive system in accordance with claim 17, wherein
2 a first plurality of data is communicated between said vending machine controller and
3 said vending machine interface, and a second plurality of data is communicated between
4 said mimic MDB interface and at least one of said plurality of peripheral devices;

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6 wherein, said audit-credit-interactive system effectuates data communication between
7 said vending machine controller and at least one of said plurality of peripheral devices by
8 way of data processing said first plurality of data and said second plurality of data to
9 provide a common communication protocol between said vending machine controller and
10 at least one of said plurality of peripheral devices.

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1 24. (Amended) The audit-credit-interactive system in accordance with claim 23, wherein
2 said computing platform is at least one of the following: an online module, a card reader,
3 a cashless payment device, an audit device, a coin mechanism, a bill validator, a personal
4 computer, a communication module, or a microprocessor based system.

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